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ATTN : DL  
 POH

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In reply refer to:  
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#### Impact of Known Compromise of Documents on the USS PUEBLO

1. Reference is made to your verbal request of 26 April for information on the above subject.
2. We recently received Xerox copies of photographs which were taken by the North Koreans, of documents that were on the USS PUEBLO when it was captured. While these were the same photographs which have appeared in many foreign news media, they had not been sufficiently legible to permit identification of some of the documents pictured.
3. In particular, one photograph shows a display of serialized NSA product, several loose pages, and a number of specific Intelligence Collection Requirements (SICRs). With respect to the latter, the following SICR titles are clearly legible:
  - a. "Coastal Radars, North Korea"
  - b. "North Korean Navy"
  - c. "Soviet Missile Operations, (one word obscured), Launches and Related Activities"
  - d. "Soviet Navy Rear Services (Organization)"
  - e. "Soviet Nuclear Submarine Transit Tactics"
  - f. "Soviet Submarine and Ship Radiated Noises"
  - g. "CHICOM Communications Systems (C)"
  - h. "Chinese Communist COMINT Activity"
4. Loose pages whose titles can be read, are:
  - a. "Chinese Communist Army Infantry Battalion"
  - b. "The North Vietnamese Air Force"
5. The page identified in 4b above is strongly suspected to have come from a copy of the CINCPACFLT Special Intelligence Manual. This suspicion is based on the way the page is titled, and the way in which the classification is typed and stamped on the page. How many other pages of that three-inch thick manual were seized, is of course not known.

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6. The contents of the SICRs identified in para 3 above, involve two main ingredients: first, the nature of desired information on the subject mentioned in the title; and second, a review of the known information on the subject. The known information, in most cases, reflects a compendium of data from several sources (not limited to SIGINT). In addition to revelations of specific areas of interest, the method of creating and addressing SICRs affords a clear insight into the relationships and capabilities of various member agencies of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

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M/R: [ ] DL, learned of the receipt by NSA of Xerox copies of North Korean photographs which showed documents seized by the North Koreans at the time the USS PUEBLO was captured. While these same photographs have appeared in many foreign news media, this set contained pictures of sufficient clarity that document titles could be read for the first time.

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[ ] asked the undersigned to prepare a statement setting forth the impact of the specific identifications of documents afforded by the photograph. [ ] said that he needed such a statement for inclusion in an "up-dating" report which was being prepared for USIB on the PUEBLO Incident.

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